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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 1E-12-223036

12 **RONALD L. BRADSHAW, PA**  
P O Box 5261  
13 North Hollywood CA 91616

**DEFAULT DECISION  
AND ORDER**

14 Physician Assistant License No. PA-14359

[Gov. Code, §11520]

15 Respondent

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17 FINDINGS OF FACT

18 1. On or about October 16, 2012, Complainant Glenn L. Mitchell, Jr., in his official  
19 capacity as the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant Board, Department of Consumer  
20 Affairs, filed Accusation No. 1E-12-223036 against Ronald L. Bradshaw, PA (Respondent)  
21 before the Physician Assistant Board of California.

22 2. On or about January 14, 1998, the Physician Assistant Board of California (Board)  
23 issued Physician Assistant License No. PA-14359 to Respondent. The Physician Assistant  
24 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will  
25 expire on August 31, 2013, unless renewed.

26 3. On or about October 16, 2012, Ian K. McGlone, an employee of the Complainant  
27 Agency, served by Certified Mail a copy of the Accusation No. 1E-12-223036, Statement to  
28 Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5,

1 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which was and is 5909  
2 Wilkson Avenue, Valley Village, CA 91607. The Accusation, the related documents, and  
3 Declaration of Service are attached as exhibit A, and are incorporated herein by reference.

4 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
5 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).

6 5. On or about November 27, 2012, the aforementioned documents were returned by the  
7 U.S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed." The envelope returned by the post office is attached as  
8 exhibit B, and is incorporated herein by reference.

9 6. On or about June 6, 2013, Jessica Sotelo, an employee of the Office of the Attorney  
10 General, served by Certified Mail a Courtesy Notice of Default, which included a copy of the  
11 Accusation package identified in paragraph 3 above, to Respondent's address of record with the  
12 Board. On June 30, 2013, the Courtesy Notice of Default was returned as not deliverable as  
13 addressed. The Courtesy Notice of Default and envelope returned by the post office is attached as  
14 Exhibit C, and is incorporated herein by reference.

15 7. On or about June 19, 2013, Jessica Sotelo, an employee of the Office of the Attorney  
16 General, served by Certified Mail a Courtesy Notice of Default, which included a copy of the  
17 Accusation package identified in paragraph 3 above, to Respondent's new address, which is CI  
18 Taft Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 7001, Taft, California 93268. The Courtesy Notice of  
19 Default is attached as Exhibit D, and is incorporated herein by reference.

20 8. On or about July 17, 2013, Respondent submitted a written response in which he  
21 stated that he is in no position to attend or pay for counsel. Respondent's written response is  
22 attached as Exhibit E, and is incorporated by reference.

23 9. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

24 "(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a  
25 notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation  
26 not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of  
27 respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing."

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10. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation and has otherwise stated that he is not in a position to attend the hearing. Respondent has therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 1E-12-223036.

11. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

"(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent."

12. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Respondent's express admissions and the evidence before it, contained in Exhibits A, through G, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 1E-12-223036 are true.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Ronald L. Bradshaw, PA has subjected his Physician Assistant License No. PA-14359 to discipline.

2. The Accusation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached.

3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

4. The Physician Assistant Board of California is authorized to revoke Respondent's Physician Assistant License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:

a. Business and Professions Code sections 490, 2234, 3527, and 3531, where Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was convicted of a crime.

b. Business and Professions Code sections 2234(e) and 3527 and section 1399.521.0(e) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, where Respondent is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent acted dishonestly by failing to disclose his criminal conviction when renewing his license in 2009 and 2011.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Physician Assistant License No. PA-14359, heretofore issued to Respondent Ronald L. Bradshaw, PA, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on September 13, 2013.

It is so ORDERED August 14, 2013.

  
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FOR THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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**A C C U S A T I O N**

Physician Assistant License No. PA-14359

Respondent.

Complainant alleges:

**PARTIES**

1. Elberta Portman (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant Committee, Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about January 14, 1998, the Physician Assistant Committee issued Physician Assistant License Number PA-14359 to Ronald L. Bradshaw (Respondent). The Physician Assistant License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31, 2013, unless renewed.

**JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Physician Assistant Committee (Committee) for the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the

1 following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise  
2 indicated.

3 4. Section 3504 of the Code establishes a Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical  
4 Board of California.

5 5. Section 3527 of the Code provides that the committee may order the denial of an  
6 application for, or the issuance subject to terms and conditions of, or the suspension or revocation  
7 of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon a physician's assistant certificate for  
8 unprofessional conduct. "[U]nprofessional conduct ... includes, but is not limited to, a violation  
9 of this chapter, a violation of the Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted  
10 by the committee or board."

11 6. Section 2234 provides in pertinent part that disciplinary action may be taken against a  
12 licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not  
13 limited to, the following:

14 "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the  
15 violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical  
16 Practice Act].

17 "(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially  
18 related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

19 "(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate."

20 7. Code section 490 provides, in pertinent part, that a licensee's license may be  
21 suspended or revoked on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime that is  
22 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the profession for which the  
23 license was issued.

24 8. Section 3531 of the Code states:

25 "A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a  
26 charge of a felony or of any offense which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions,  
27 or duties of the business or profession to which the license was issued is deemed to be a  
28 conviction within the meaning of this chapter. The committee may order the license suspended or

1 revoked, or shall decline to issue a license when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment  
2 of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made  
3 suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of  
4 Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter  
5 a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information  
6 or indictment."

7 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.525, states:

8 "For the purposes of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license or approval pursuant  
9 to division 1.5 (commencing with section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to  
10 be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license or  
11 approval under the Physician Assistant Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present  
12 or potential unfitness of a person holding such a license or approval to perform the functions  
13 authorized by the license or approval in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or  
14 welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

15 "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or  
16 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Medical Practice  
17 Act.

18 "(b) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or  
19 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Physician Assistant  
20 Practice Act.

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22 "(i) Conviction for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

23 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.521.5 states:

24 "In addition to the conduct described in Section 3527 of the Code, "unprofessional  
25 conduct" also includes the following:

26 "(a) Including or permitting to be included any of the following provisions in an agreement  
27 to settle a civil dispute arising from the licensee's practice to which the licensee is or expects to be  
28 named as a party, whether the agreement is made before or after the filing of an action:

1 “(1) A provision that prohibits another party to the dispute from contacting, cooperating, or  
2 filing a complaint with the Committee.

3 “(2) A provision that requires another party to the dispute to attempt to withdraw a  
4 complaint the party has filed with the Committee.

5 “(b) Failure to provide to the Committee, as directed, lawfully requested copies of  
6 documents within 15 days of receipt of the request or within the time specified in the request,  
7 whichever is later, unless the licensee is unable to provide the documents within this time period  
8 for good cause, including but not limited to, physical inability to access the records in the time  
9 allowed due to illness or travel. This subsection shall not apply to a licensee who does not have  
10 access to, and control over, medical records.

11 “(c) The commission of any act of sexual abuse or misconduct.

12 “(d) Failure to cooperate and participate in any Committee investigation pending against the  
13 licensee. This subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege guaranteed  
14 by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any other constitutional or  
15 statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to require a licensee to cooperate with  
16 a request that would require the licensee to waive any constitutional or statutory privilege or to  
17 comply with a request for information or other matters within an unreasonable period of time in  
18 light of the time constraints of the licensee's practice. Any exercise by a licensee of any  
19 constitutional or statutory privilege shall not be used against the licensee in a regulatory or  
20 disciplinary proceeding against the licensee.

21 “(e) Failure to report to the Committee within 30 days any of the following:

22 “(1) The bringing of an indictment or information charging a felony against the licensee.

23 “(2) The arrest of the licensee.

24 “(3) The conviction of the licensee, including any verdict of guilty, or pleas of guilty or no  
25 contest, of any felony or misdemeanor.

26 “(4) Any disciplinary action taken by another licensing entity or authority of this state or of  
27 another state or an agency of the federal government or the United States military.



“(f) Failure or refusal to comply with a court order, issued in the enforcement of a subpoena, mandating the release of records to the Committee.

11. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Committee may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

**FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**  
(Conviction of a Crime)  
(Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 490, 2234, 3527, and 3531)

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490, 2234, 3527, and 3531 in that he was convicted of crimes substantially related to the practice of medicine as a physician's assistant. The circumstances are as follows:

13. On or about June 29, 2009, in Case No. 08-00429 entitled *United States v. Ronald Louis Bradshaw*, a jury convicted Respondent of conspiracy to commit health care fraud in violation of 18 USC 1349 (count one of the indictment), three counts of health care fraud in violation of 18 USC 1347 (counts four, six, eleven, and twelve of the indictment), and aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 USC 1028A (count thirteen of the indictment).

14. The conduct, as described above, is a conviction of a crime substantially related to the practice of a physician's assistant which constitutes unprofessional conduct in violation of sections 491, 2234, 3527, and 3531 of the Code. Respondent's physician's assistant license is therefore subject to discipline.

**SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**  
**(Dishonesty)**  
**(Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 2234(e), 3527; 16 CCR 1399.521.5(e))**

15. Complainant realleges paragraphs 12 through 14 above, as if fully set forth herein.

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2234(e) and 3527 of the Code and section 1399.521(e) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations in that Respondent fraudulently and dishonestly failed to disclose his criminal conviction to the Committee when renewing his license in 2009 and 2011. The circumstances are as follows:

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1 17. On December 16, 2009, Respondent applied for renewal of his physician's assistant  
2 license. As part of the application, Respondent was asked if he had been convicted of any crimes  
3 since he last renewed his license; Respondent answered "no." Respondent's license was renewed.

4 18. On July 11, 2011, Respondent applied for renewal of his physician's assistant license.  
5 As part of the application, Respondent was asked if he had been convicted of any crimes since he  
6 last renewed his license; Respondent answered "no."

7 19. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, is in violation of Code sections 2234(e) and  
8 3527 and section 1399.521(e) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and has subjected  
9 his license to discipline.

10 **PRAYER**

11 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
12 and that following the hearing, the Physician Assistant Committee issue a decision:

13 1. Revoking or suspending Physician Assistant License Number PA-14359, issued to  
14 Ronald L. Bradshaw;

15 2. Ordering Ronald L. Bradshaw to pay the Physician Assistant Committee the  
16 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and  
17 Professions Code section 125.3;

18 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.  
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20 DATED: October 16, 2012

Elberta Portman

21 ELBERTA PORTMAN  
22 Executive Officer  
23 Physician Assistant Committee  
24 Department of Consumer Affairs  
25 State of California  
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